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To: Way, Steven
Cc: Guy, Kerry
Subject: Blacktail Creek Spill - Feb 11, 2015

Steven,

Good evening. Sorry for the late email - I had to deal with personnel issues back at the unit since late afternoon.

The liner for the containment berm was postponed again today due to high winds (18 mph). Forecast looks better for tomorrow.

Clean Harbors was reduced on site due to creek being nearly completely frozen over and no more access to recoverable product. Few members remaining will monitor booms and look for a window to install oil shark in the creek. They are also waiting on hip waders.

2 vac trucks got stuck on access roads yesterday and they spent today getting those trucks out and repairing the access road.

Pumping continued on the Njos property. 490 bbls was pumped off yesterday.

Chloride test strip readings:

SW 409 - 604 ppm
SW 413 - off the test strip (6,536 ppm)
SW 400 - <33 ppm
SW 402 - 336 ppm
SW 405 - 596 ppm
SCD#3 - 855 ppm

Trench pumping:

IT1 and IT2 tanks weren't pumped out yesterday
IT3 - 120 bbls
IT4 - 120 bbls
IT5 - 130 bbls

There was no change to SCAT. There was discussion that ACOE wanted us (USCG) to perform SCAT, but when Stantec contacted ACOE rep (Doug ?) to confirm where specifically, he didn't know anything about that. Brian O'Gorman of NDDOH was going to follow up. I let him know that EPA would probably have USCG reps out on scene again soon when there's a warm period to better observe actual oiling without ice cover, but we would do it today if ACOE insisted. We never heard back from NDDOH.

NDDOH stated during meeting that they wanted geoprobing to continue around the site.

Also asked about map that would show IT4 and IT5 trenches. They stated it should be on the Control Measures Drawing. They were going to confirm that map would be available tonight on the portal.

Eddie and myself will be departing early morning for Billings, MT with a pit stop in Glendive to see one of our shipmates on the Yellowstone spill. We'll spend the night in Billings before departing early Friday morning.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this spill. It was a great experience to see some oil recovery/ice recovery operations on creek water. Hopefully, Eddie or myself (or both) will make sure at least one of us returns, if needed.

Sincerely,
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